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DOWN BELOW,

An Ethiopian Song.

(As Sung by the)

NEW ORLEANS SERENADERS.

Written and Composed

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Slow.

PIANO

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a piano introduction and two vocal lines with lyrics. The piano introduction is marked 'PIANO' and 'Slow.' and features a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The vocal lines are written for a single voice, with the lyrics 'O, whar's dat ole grey nigger gone, Who used to work de hoe In mas-sa's fields, and hill de corn, A long time a - - go!' written below the notes. The piano accompaniment continues throughout the vocal lines, providing a harmonic foundation.

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Bass
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2.

SOLO. He had no teef— and he was blind,

His wool was white as snow;

But Massa to ole Joe was kind

A long time ago.

CHO: He used to fish for crabs and eels,

Dat fine ole nigger Joe;

Till grim Death sent him neck & heels

Down below— down below.

Poor ole Joe &c.

3.

SOLO. He used to chalk de winters down,

And kept his age just so;

It was a hundred and forty one,

A long time ago.

CHO: But Death has catch ole Joe at last,

Tho' he was lofe to go,

He's in de cornfield sleeping fast,

Down below— down below.

Poor ole Joe &c.